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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Luke V. Schneider

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IONIZATION EFFICIENCY IN MASS
SPECTROSCOPY

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AMENDMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE PRACTICE UNDER EX PARTE
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a one-month extension of time accompanies this Amendment.

Amendments to the Drawings are described at page 2 of this paper

Amendments to the Specification are reflected beginning at page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.